

Senate File 445 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 445
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 190)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to state and local government recommendations
2 concerning the educational needs of children who are deaf or
3 hard-of-hearing.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 216A.111A Education of deaf
2 and hard-of-hearing children — state and local government
3 recommendations.

4 1. The general assembly encourages the development and
5 regular updating of specific recommendations by all state
6 agencies, institutions, and political subdivisions of the
7 state concerned with early intervention, early childhood, and
8 kindergarten through twelfth grade education of students who
9 are deaf or hard-of-hearing, including but not limited to the
10 department of education, the Iowa school for the deaf, and
11 the department of public health, to ensure that children who
12 are deaf or hard-of-hearing have an educational environment
13 in which their language and communication needs are fully
14 addressed and developed and in which they have early, ongoing,
15 and quality access to planned and incidental communication
16 opportunities.

17 2. The recommendations, consistent with the findings and
18 purpose of this chapter, should be completed and regularly
19 updated by the state agencies, institutions, and political
20 subdivisions addressed by this section.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill relates to state and local government
23 recommendations concerning the educational needs of children
24 who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.

25 New Code section 216A.111A encourages state agencies,
26 institutions, and political subdivisions of the state concerned
27 with the education of such children to develop and regularly
28 update recommendations for meeting the educational needs of
29 deaf and hard-of-hearing children.